

Selectmen's Minutes II
T.O.H.P. Burnham Library

October 24, 2011

Present: Chairman Jeffrey D. Jones, Selectman Lisa J. O'Donnell, Selectman Susan Gould-Coviello, Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki, Town Counsel Gregg Corbo, and Selectmen's Assistant Pamela J. Witham; plus numerous lessees of Town property at Conomo Point.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in T.O.H.P. Burnham Library on Martin Street and announced that the Board would hear public comment. No one offered any comment.

Selectman Susan Gould-Coviello moved to approve the weekly warrant in the amount of \$82,104.80; and, further, to exempt from Section 20 of Chapter 268A of the General Laws the contract with Ramie Reader contained within the warrant pursuant to subsection (d) of said Section. The motion was seconded and unanimously voted.

Town Moderator Rolf Madsen joined the meeting.

Mr. Zubricki reviewed each of the proposed articles on the warrant for the November 14th Special Town Meeting and the election warrant for the November 21st election. Mr. Madsen suggested that the order of the articles be changed, so that several of the "housekeeping" articles appear first on the warrant. The Selectmen agreed with Mr. Madsen and Mr. Zubricki said that he would reorder the articles as suggested.

Subsequently, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to add the ballot language to the special election warrant. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to close the special election warrant.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to add the articles in the order discussed to the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on November 14th, 2011. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

At 7:35 p.m., citing the need to discuss the leasing of real property at Conomo Point, the Chairman entertained a motion to move to Executive Session. He stated that discussing this matter in Open Session would be detrimental to the Town's negotiating strategy and invited Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki and Town Counsel Gregg Corbo to attend. He said that the Board would most likely be returning to Open Session. All those present, excepting the Selectmen, their Assistant, and those invited to attend the Executive Session, left the meeting. The motion was moved, seconded, and after a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board moved to Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

The Selectmen asked Town Counsel to research whether a fact sheet for distribution at the Special Town Meeting may be prepared by the Town Building Committee advocating the approval of procuring alternative space for the Town offices.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve and sign the *special election warrant*. And, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve and sign the *warrant for the Special Town Meeting* with the articles now re-ordered as suggested earlier in the meeting. The Selectmen signed both documents.

The Selectmen reviewed a revised letter to the editor regarding Conomo Point information. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the letter and to have Selectman O'Donnell transmit the letter, signed by all three Selectmen, to the Gloucester Daily Times after Mr. Zubricki verifies each of the facts contained in the letter.

Town Counsel left the meeting and Mark Lynch, Chair of the Conomo Point Planning Committee joined the meeting. Mr. Lynch said that he has scheduled a meeting of the CPPC and the CPPC sub-committee for Thursday, November 3. It was agreed that the Selectmen would be posted for this meeting. Those present briefly discussed the Conomo Point articles that will be on the Special Town Meeting warrant. The articles are necessary at this time in order to meet the goals that have been set forth and agreed to on the *Consolidated Conomo Point Procedures Calendar*, as revised on 9/12/11. It was agreed that the CPPC would continue to work on formulating and refining the Request for Services in relation to the area north of Robbins Island Road.

There being no other business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Documents used during this meeting include the following:

Special Election Warrant
Warrant for the Special Town Meeting
Consolidated Conomo Point Procedures Calendar

Prepared by: _____
Pamela J. Witham

Attested by: _____
Lisa J. O'Donnell